

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

COLUMBIA PICTURES INDUSTRIES, INC.,
a Delaware corporation,

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff,

Case No.:

v.

CV _____

ANGELO BALDI,

Defendant.

Plaintiff, COLUMBIA PICTURES, by its attorneys, Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, for its Complaint against defendant, ANGELO BALDI, alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*).

2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).

3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant, and venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and/or 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a), because Defendant resides in this District and the acts of infringement complained of herein originated in this District.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. ("Plaintiff") is one of the world's leading creators and distributors of motion pictures. Plaintiff brings this action to stop Defendant from copying and distributing to others over the Internet unauthorized copies of Plaintiff's copyrighted motion pictures. Defendant's infringements allow

Defendant and others to unlawfully obtain and distribute for free unauthorized copyrighted works that Plaintiff spends millions of dollars to create and/or distribute. Each time Defendant unlawfully distributes a free copy of one of Plaintiff's copyrighted motion pictures to others over the Internet, each person who copies that motion picture can then distribute that unlawful copy to others without any significant degradation in sound and picture quality. Thus, Defendant's distribution of even one unlawful copy of a motion picture can result in the nearly instantaneous worldwide distribution of that single copy to a limitless number of people. Plaintiff now seeks redress for this rampant infringement of its exclusive rights.

5. Plaintiff is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business at 10202 West Washington Boulevard, Culver City, California. Plaintiff is engaged in the production, acquisition and distribution of motion pictures for theatrical exhibition, home entertainment and other forms of distribution. Plaintiff is the owner of the copyrights and/or the pertinent exclusive rights under copyright in the United States in motion pictures, including those identified in Exhibit A, which have been unlawfully distributed over the Internet by the Defendant.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant, an individual, resides in this District.

COUNT I

INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS

7. Plaintiff is responsible for the creation, development, production and distribution of numerous commercially released motion pictures.

8. At all relevant times Plaintiff has been the holder of the pertinent exclusive rights infringed by Defendant, as alleged hereunder, for certain copyrighted motion pictures, including, but not limited to, *The Grudge* (the "Copyrighted Motion Picture"). The Copyrighted Motion Picture is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights. A true and correct copy of this Certificate of Copyright Registration is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9. The Copyrighted Motion Picture contains a copyright notice advising the viewer that it is protected by the copyright laws.

10. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiff, has used, and continues to use, an online media distribution system to distribute to the public, including by making available for distribution to others, on or about January 30, 2005, the Copyrighted Motion Picture. In doing so, Defendant has violated Plaintiffs exclusive rights of reproduction and distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiff's exclusive rights protected under the Copyright Act of 1976 (17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*).

11. The foregoing acts of infringement have been willful, intentional, and in disregard of and with indifference to Plaintiff's rights.

12. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiffs exclusive rights under copyright, Plaintiff is entitled to relief pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504, and to its attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

13. Defendant's conduct is causing, and unless enjoined and restrained by this Court will continue to cause, Plaintiff great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or measured in money. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law. Pursuant

to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502 and 503, Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing Plaintiff's exclusive rights under the Copyright Act of 1976 and ordering that Defendant destroy all copies of the Copyrighted Motion Picture made in violation of those rights.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant as follows:

1. For entry of preliminary and permanent injunctions providing Defendant shall be enjoined from directly or indirectly infringing Plaintiff's rights in the Copyrighted Motion Picture and any motion picture, whether now in existence or later created, that is owned or controlled by Plaintiff ("Plaintiff's Motion Pictures"), including without limitation by using the Internet to reproduce or copy any of Plaintiff's Motion Pictures, to distribute any of Plaintiff's Motion Pictures, or to make any of Plaintiff's Motion Pictures available for distribution to the public, except pursuant to a lawful license or with the express authority of Plaintiff. Defendant also shall destroy all copies of Plaintiff's Motion Pictures that Defendant has downloaded onto any computer hard drive or server without Plaintiff's authorization and shall destroy all copies of those downloaded motion pictures transferred onto any physical medium or device in Defendant's possession, custody, or control.
2. For actual damages or statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504, at the election of Plaintiff.
3. For Plaintiff's costs.
4. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees.

5. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

HISCOCK & BARCLAY LLP

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Dated: November 10, 2005

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EXHIBIT A

Certificate of Registration



This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

Marybeth Peters

Register of Copyrights, United States of America

FORM PA
For a Work of the Performing Arts
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT OFFICE
REGISTRATION NUMBER

PA 1-241-927



EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGISTRATION

OCT 22 2004

Month Day Year

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE. IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE, USE A SEPARATE CONTINUATION SHEET.

1

TITLE OF THIS WORK
THE GRUDGE

PREVIOUS OR ALTERNATIVE TITLES

NATURE OF THIS WORK See Instructions

Motion Picture

2

a NAME OF AUTHOR
GHP 2 - Grudge, LLC

DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH
Year Born Year Died

Was this contribution to the work
a "work made for hire"?
☒ Yes
☐ No

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY OR DOMICILE
Name of Country
OR { Citizen of
Domiciled in U.S.A.

WAS THIS AUTHOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK
Anonymous? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Pseudonymous? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If the answer to either of these questions is "Yes," see detailed instructions

NATURE OF AUTHORSHIP Briefly describe nature of the material created by this author in which copyright is claimed.
Author of entire work (see Space 6)

NOTE

Under the law, the "author" of a "work made for hire" is generally the employer, not the employee (see instructions). For any part of this work that was "made for hire" check "Yes" in the space provided, give the employer (or other person for whom the work was prepared) as "Author" of that part, and leave the space for date of birth and death blank.

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NAME OF AUTHOR

DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH
Year Born Year Died

Was this contribution to the work
a "work made for hire"?
☐ Yes
☐ No

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY OR DOMICILE
Name of Country
OR { Citizen of
Domiciled in

WAS THIS AUTHOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK
Anonymous? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Pseudonymous? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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NATURE OF AUTHORSHIP Briefly describe nature of the material created by this author in which copyright is claimed.

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3

a YEAR IN WHICH CREATION OF THIS WORK WAS COMPLETED
2004 Year

This information must be given in all cases

b DATE AND NATION OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS PARTICULAR WORK
Complete this information ONLY if this work has been published.
Month October Day 22 Year 2004
United States of America Nation

4

See instructions before completing this space.

COPYRIGHT CLAIMANT(S) Name and address must be given even if the claimant is the same as the author given space 2.
GHP 2 - Grudge, LLC
8666 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

TRANSFER If the claimant(s) named here in space 4 are different from the author(s) named in space 2, give a brief statement of how the claimant(s) obtained ownership of the copyright.

APPLICATION RECEIVED
OCT 22 2004
ONE DEPOSIT RECEIVED
OCT 22 2004
TWO DEPOSITS RECEIVED
(5) 35 mm / L
REMITTANCE NUMBER AND DATE

EXAMINED BY

FORM PA

CHECKED BY

☐ CORRESPONDENCE
Yes
FOR
COPYRIGHT
OFFICE
USE
ONLY

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE. IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE, USE A SEPARATE CONTINUATION SHEET.

PREVIOUS REGISTRATION Has registration for this work, or for an earlier version of this work, already been made in the Copyright Office?

☒ Yes ☐ No If your answer is "Yes," why is another registration being sought? (Check appropriate box)
a. ☐ This is the first published edition of a work previously registered in unpublished form.b. ☐ This is the first application submitted by this author as copyright claimant.c. ☒ This is a changed version of the work, as shown by space 6 on this application.

If your answer is "Yes," give: Previous Registration Number ▼

Year of Registration ▼

Screenplay: Pending

2004

DERIVATIVE WORK OR COMPILATION Complete both space 6a & 6b for a derivative work; complete only 6b for a compilation.

a. Preexisting Material Identify any preexisting work or works that this work is based on or incorporates

Based on the 2003 Japanese film "JU-ON: The Grudge" written and directed by Takashi Shimizu.

b. Material Added to This Work Give a brief, general statement of the material that has been added to this work and in which copyright is claimed.

Entire motion picture except as described in Space 6A.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT If the registration fee is to be charged to a Deposit Account established in the Copyright Office, give name and number of Account.

Name ▼

Account Number ▼

Thomson & Thomson

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CORRESPONDENCE Give name and address to which correspondence about this application should be sent. Name/Address/Apt/City/State/ZIP ▼

See Space 9

Area Code & Telephone Number ▶ (310) 244-7553

CERTIFICATION* I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the

Check only one ▼

☐ author☐ other copyright claimant☒ owner of exclusive right(s)☐ authorized agent of

Name of author or other copyright claimant, or owner of exclusive right(s) ▲

of the work identified in this application and that the statements made by me in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Typed or printed name and date ▼ If this application gives a date of publication in space 3, do not sign and submit it before that date.

Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. by Gayle McDonald

date ▶ October 22, 2004

Handwritten signature (X) ▼

Gayle McDonald

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CATE TOName ▼ Gayle McDonald
Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc.Number/Street/Apartment Number ▼
10202 W. Washington Blvd.City/State/ZIP ▼
Culver City, CA 90232-3195Certificate
will be
mailed in
window
envelope

Complete all necessary spaces
Sign your application in space 8

1. Application form
2. Nonrefundable \$20 filing fee
in check or money order
payable to Register of Copyrights
3. Deposit material

Register of Copyrights
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20558

The Copyright Office has
the authority to adjust fees
at 5-year intervals, based
on changes in the
Consumer Price Index.
The next adjustment is due
in 1998. Please contact
the Copyright Office after
July 1995 to determine the
actual fee schedule.